

Docket No.: 057454-0998



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Ken TAKACHI : Confirmation Number: 4143
Application No.: 10/781,618 : Group Art Unit: 3767
Filed: February 20, 2004 : Examiner: Michael Hayes
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For: MECHANICAL LOCKING MECHANISM AND INJECTOR HEAD EMPLOYING THE MECHANISM

STATUS INQUIRY

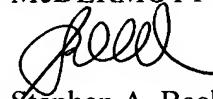
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 20, 2004. Since more than two years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before April 28, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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